

# **BIOGRAPHY**

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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## **MAJOR GENERAL JERRY E. WHITE**

Major General Jerry E. White is mobilization assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Ohio.

The general entered the Air Force in 1959 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Washington Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He served as a mission controller at the height of the space program. He taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy for six years - co-authoring a national textbook on astrodynamics that is still a standard reference text today.

In his civilian capacity, General White is president and chief executive officer of the The Navigators, an international Christian organization with a staff of 3,600 in 95 countries headquartered in Colorado Springs.



#### **EDUCATION:**

- 1959 Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, University of Washington
- 1964 Master of science degree in astronautics, Air Force Institute of Technology
- 1965 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence
- 1970 Ph.D in astronautics, Purdue University
- 1982 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1984 Air War College, by correspondence

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- 1. August 1959 September 1959, student, officer preflight training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- 2. October 1959 July 1960, student, pilot training, Spence Air Force Base, Ga., and Webb Air Force Base, Texas
- 3. July 1960 June 1962, mission controller, directorate of range operations, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
- 4. June 1962 August 1964, student, Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- 5. August 1964 June 1966, instructor, astronautics department, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs,
- 6. June 1966 June 1968, student, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.
- 7. June 1968 May 1972, associate professor of astronautics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs,
- 8. May 1972 March 1973, scientific staff, 14th Aerospace Force, Aerospace Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colo.
- 9. March 1973 separated from active duty and commissioned in the Air Force Reserve

- 10. October 1973 March 1976, communications officer, Defense Preparedness Agency, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 11. March 1976 April 1980, astronautical engineer, 2nd Communications Squadron, Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo., (under Aerospace Defense Command and later Strategic Air Command)
- 12. April 1980 April 1987, electronic security command, included attached duty with the Air Force plant representative's office at Boeing Co., Seattle and Air Force Space Command, Cheyenne Mountain Complex, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- 13. April 1987 June 1990, mobilization assistant to the commander, electronic systems division, Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.
- 14. July 1990 July 1993, mobilization assistant to the commander, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
- 15. July 1993 present, mobilization assistant to the commander, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Legion of Merit Meritorious Service Medal Air Force Commendation Medal

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

In 1967 and 1968 he was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation. He is an associate fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He has published numerous articles and has authored, or co-authored, with his wife, nine books. He is chairman of the Rhodes Scholar Selection Committee for Colorado.

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

| Second Lieutenant  | Aug 28, 1959 |
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| First Lieutenant   | Feb 28, 1961 |
| Captain            | Feb 25, 1964 |
| Major              | Sep 12, 1969 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | Mar 2, 1980  |
| Colonel            | May 1, 1984  |
| Brigadier General  | Jun 2, 1988  |
| Major General      | Aug 12, 1992 |